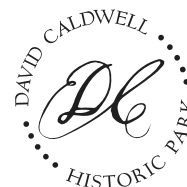




CALDWELL CONNECTIONS

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Thank You

- ♦ Weatherspoon Art Gallery for inviting us to participate during **Latino Family Day**.
- ♦ **Graham Pritchard** and **Don Saunders** for their dedication and hard work during the archeological excavation.

Events

- ♦ Visit us at the **Parks & Recreation Department 75th Anniversary** kickoff at Greensboro Sportsplex on October 4 from 10–6.
- ♦ **Bur-Mil Fall Festival** on October 11th from 10–3.
- ♦ **Early American Holidays Exhibit** Nov 7–Jan 7. *Exhibit feature on page 2.*

State of the Exhibits

For those of you who follow this column, you may be asking yourselves: How many more times is the park director going to say “The exhibits are coming! The exhibits are coming!”?

I ask myself the same question on a regular basis. Delays can be very normal in the museum world either because of pursuit of funding or new research, but the latest news at David Caldwell Historic Park has to do with the absolutely amazing archeological finds at this site. This is an incredibly rich Early American site; a rarity in the 21st century.

Certainly, the basic story of Rachel and David Caldwell’s lives is well researched, and we could easily bring that basic story together

with panels and displays at any time. The facts of their lives are clear and yet, the hundreds of small artifacts in the ground are the authentic pieces of their lives and their students’ lives that can enhance their story.

“History comes in small doses sometimes, artifact by artifact,” says archaeologist Ken Robinson of Wake Forest University, who is “very excited about the significant finds” here.

We will have a number of these wonderful artifacts on temporary display this Fall. Come see and share in the excitement with us.

Adrienne Byrd, Director
David Caldwell Historic Park

An Early Exhibit Concept from Riggs Ward Design

Dug It: The DCHP Excavation Moves Indoors



The gloves lack fingers, the screens sit still, the trowels have worn dull, the shovels lay unused, and the excavated holes will be filled back to their original depths.

After months of archaeological investigation, the David Caldwell Historic Park excavation moves from fieldwork to labwork.

Over the past few months, Wake Forest archaeologist Ken Robinson and his team discovered a cornucopia of late 18th and early 19th century artifacts. These included such relics as pottery sherds, pieces of eating utensils, smoking pipe fragments, numerous nails, buttons, cufflinks, and neck stocks, burnt animal bones, lead shot, and pieces of writing slate. While all these



Cufflinks with Eagle engraving

items are small in nature, collectively they convey a large amount of significant information that lends to the story of the Caldwells’ lives.

In order to glean information from these discoveries, the artifacts must be cleaned and catalogued. This process enables the archaeologist to better interpret the lives of the Caldwells. Ken, Mike, Gary, Graham, Don, Catherine and park staff will work on this process inside the museum at DCHP for the next four weeks into October.

For those that are interested in seeing more aspects of the archaeological process in action, the archaeology lab will

be open to visitors by appointment. Please call 373.3681 for the tour schedule. -ATL



Slate with the date “1818” etched in the surface

Winter Tidings

Here at David Caldwell Historic Park we will offer winter programs for adults and children during the November 7th to January 7th run of our annual holiday exhibit, *How Did Our Colonial Ancestors Celebrate the Holidays?* Each year, we add new information and new displays to this holiday exploration.

Colonial Americans brought the traditions from their mother countries and most recognized and perhaps celebrated some form of Christmas. This type of celebration or the lack of festivities depended upon a colonist's religion and region. Basically, winter was a time to celebrate surviving one year and looking forward to the next.

American winter holidays today are more characterized by Mistletoe, Menorahs, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade than the Merriment, Mummery and Misrule of our colonial ancestors. In colonial America, the first day of winter marked the beginning of a season of raucous revelry for many, pious reflections for a few, and plenty to eat for almost everyone.

The exhibit is open during regular park hours Tuesday–Saturday 10 am–4 pm. We will be closed November 27 & 28, December 25 & 26 and January 1. Schedule is subject to change—please check with us around Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year.



Homecoming for the McCuiston Clan



On July 25, a family whose colonial origins lie in the community surrounding Guilford Courthouse congregated at David Caldwell Historic Park. Their intent was to visit key landmarks, where their family was involved

during the Revolutionary War era. Jim McCuiston, the extensive family's historian, led close to thirty-five McCuistons who made the journey from states as far away as Michigan. Jim explained that every year the family plans a trip to visit historical landmarks which have documented the McCuiston's migration from the East coast to the western United States. Jim holds a special interest in his family's genealogical history as the president of Clan Uisdean, a group of over 10 Scottish families retracing their lineage from one central name. The McCuistons planned the trip to visit the site of their family's good friend and loyal neighbor David Caldwell, as well as to ensure that the Gibson cemetery, where many of their ancestors lie, is preserved.

The McCuistons initially arrived to the Pennsylvania area in the early 1700's and attended the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church from 1735 to 1749. This was also the same church where Rev. Alexander Craighead, father-in-law to David Caldwell, served as head minister. From the Susquehanna settlement in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, the three McCuiston brothers, Thomas, Robert, and James, migrated to the area surrounding the Guilford Courthouse,

later known as Martinville. Of the three, James and Robert came first to the area in 1753 after receiving deeds; their brother Robert followed in 1765. James' son Thomas married a woman by the name of Anne Moody and they settled on a plot of land only one quarter-mile from David Caldwell's property. They bore a son named Thomas, known as Buffalo Tom McCuiston, who was, according to family records, the personal baggage-master to General Greene himself.

The McCuiston family story intertwines with the documented history of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. As General Greene led Cornwallis' army north toward eventual defeat, the two armies paved a path of destruction through the fertile Carolina backcountry. Along that path the McCuiston house was



McQuiston Story continued

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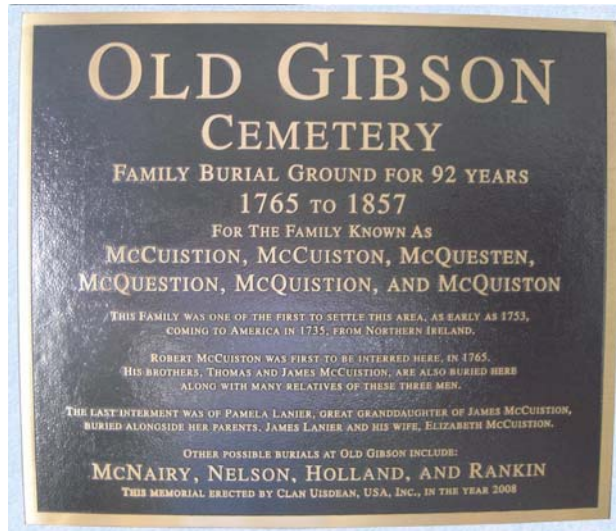
taken and used as an unofficial headquarters for General Cornwallis before the battle. He and his men camped here on the 12th and 13th of March, 1781 and then marched towards Deep River and the Guilford Courthouse. During the battle Thomas McQuiston and David Caldwell were clandestine together

avoiding detection from the British forces. As the battle was bravely fought and lost, General Greene and his troops retreated northward across the McQuiston bridge as well as along the path called old McQuiston Road in British records. Since the colonial era the McQuistons have migrated all over the United States; however they have never forgotten where their ancestors first settled.

After the placement of a memorial plaque at the old Gib-

son cemetery, the McQuistons concluded their family reunion at DCHP. As one family member played a medley of tunes on his bagpipe while wearing the family colors, the remaining McQuistons posed for a quick picture and bid farewell to the backyard of their ancestors.

-JTM



For more McQuiston information, see: www.jimmmcquiston.com

OR

Learn about your family's Colonial Guilford County Connections at our site:

www.greensboro-nc.gov/parks.

Search for COLONIAL and click on "Research Colonial Court Records."

Also try the State Library of North Carolina Genealogy Collection at <http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/iss/gr/genealog.htm>

Origin and variations of the McQuiston Name

McQuiston
McQuistian
McQuesten
McQuestion
McChristian
McCuiston

These and other similar spellings of the name originally came from one man named Uidean McDonald who lived on the Isle of Skye, which is located off the western coast of Scotland. After his death in 1498, his sons succeeded him as the McUisdeans and ruled over clan Uisdean until their family members emigrated from the British Isles to come to the American colonies over 250 years later.

In researching Colonial records, you may also find many spelling variations of your surname.

Volunteering at DCHP

Are you interested in volunteering at the David and Rachel Caldwell Interpretive Center and Historic Park here in Greensboro? We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with weekday tours, special weekend programs, and/or maintenance support.

We welcome anyone who has special skills in colonial demonstrations, displays, or simply wants to help out. We also welcome local students interested in internships. Our hours of operation are 10 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Phone: 336-373-3681

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Volunteers



Astoria Hill had a few days off from her volunteer position at the Natural Science Center in July, so she

called to offer her assistance at DCHP and worked with us for almost 30 hours assisting with children's crafts and games. She is a truly delightful, personable young woman, and if the photo above doesn't prove it, the following should: Astoria came in second runner up overall in the National American Miss Pageant in August, with first runner up for best community service among many other accolades, including winning the actress, spokes model and photographic competitions.

EXPLORE HISTORY!

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Our Mission:

To teach and tell the stories of everyday life in Guilford County, North Carolina before, during and after the American Revolution

To preserve and protect the historic site of David and Rachel Caldwell's home and Log College

To educate the community of the influence of David and Rachel Caldwell Guilford County and the state of North Carolina

To provide green space for leisure activities within the urban landscape of Greensboro



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Caldwell Connections

Alamance Presbyterian Church

4000 Presbyterian Road
Greensboro NC, 27406

Alamance Presbyterian Church survives as one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in the nation. In 1762 Andrew Finley, along with a group of Scots-Irish and German immigrants formed the congregation and called Caldwell to serve as pastor in 1764.

Blandwood Mansion, Home of John Motley Morehead

447 W. Washington Street
Greensboro NC, 27401

John Motley Morehead (1796-1866) was governor of North Carolina from 1841 to 1845. He was educated at David Caldwell's school and graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1817. His home, Blandwood is a treasure of architectural and historical significance located in the heart of downtown Greensboro.

Buffalo Presbyterian Church

803 Sixteenth Street
Greensboro NC 27405

Established in 1756, Buffalo Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest churches in Piedmont region of North Carolina. Reverend Caldwell was the pastor there and he and his wife Rachel are buried there.

Greensboro Historical Museum

130 Summit Avenue
Greensboro NC, 27401

In downtown Greensboro, you'll discover first hand the rich history of the Piedmont area. Learn more about early Greensboro, take a stroll through homes built in the 1700s or visit the First Presbyterian cemetery to see the grave of Governor John Motley Morehead.

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park

2332 New Garden Road
Greensboro NC, 27410

The largest, most hotly-contested battle of the Revolutionary War's Southern Campaign was fought at the small North Carolina back-country community of Guilford Courthouse, just 4 miles from David and Rachel Caldwell's school, farm and home.

Tannenbaum Colonial Heritage Center

2200 New Garden Road
Greensboro NC, 27410

Joseph and Hannah Hoskins lived about 4 miles from the Caldwells and saw the Battle of Guilford Courthouse begin on their farm. They, like Rachel and David, came to North Carolina from Pennsylvania; only the Hoskins came in 1778 to get away from the war after the winter encampments near Valley Forge.